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For:

A METHOD OF IMPROVING BIOAVAILABILITY OF ORALLY ADMINISTERED DRUGS, A METHOD OF SCREENING FOR ENHANCERS OF SUCH BIOAVAILABILITY AND NOVEL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS FOR ORAL DELIVERY OF DRUGS

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Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b) - Filing Date Granted," mailed January 7, 2002, for the above application, Applicant respectfully submits herewith the Declaration for the above identified application properly executed by the inventors. Also enclosed please find Submission of Formal Drawings and two (2) sheets of drawings, Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, and Submission of Priority Documents and two (2) priority documents.

A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please also charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

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Submitted herewith please find two (2) sheets of formal drawings. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of these formal drawings.

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